

To The Reporter Dispatch:

"Un-American: Not characteristic of, or consistent with, American customs, principles, etc." (Webster's.)

Our attacks on North Vietnamese territory by naval and Air Force units, and our use of napalm there, are un-American.

Our gas warfare attacks in South Vietnam are un-American.

Day by day our national government is slipping into a pattern of increasingly un-American activities. If we as citizens do not raise our voices in protest, to let our news media and our elected representatives know how we feel, this cancerous growth of un-American action by the American government will increase until protests

such as this will not be tolerated.

The countdown has already started. 1984 is only 19 years away, and little by little the evidence increases of the destruction of true Americanism in this country. What has happened to our sense of decency? Where are the remonstrances from our leaders of public opinion, against these unbridled activities of the Defense Department? Or are we just going through a period of increasing military activity to condition us to accept without shock the possible news that a Polaris salvo was accidentally launched against Red China's atomic production sites?

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At this time I would like to appeal to all truly patriotic readers of The Reporter Dispatch not to let an unreasoning fear of Communism serve as the excuse to plunge us into a full-scale war in Viet Nam. We successfully resisted such hysteria in the Quemy-Matsu affair, and in the Berlin episodes. If we are going to retain our current self-appointed role as "Peace-Keeper of the World," then during the next two years we will probably need to use our reserve strength for interventions in Africa, Israel, Indonesia, Germany, Cuba, Brazil, etc. We cannot afford to get our resources totally committed in a local land war in Southeast Asia. (The enemies of our country would be very happy to see us get sucked into this trap, you may be sure!)

Our growing military installations in Viet Nam are, in effect, creating an armed outpost of the U.S. on the borders of China, helping to close the ring of encirclement represented by our bases in Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, etc. Let us stand pat, hold our Viet Nam bases, and avoid expanding this war. The example of Guantanamo in Cuba shows that we can hold and use a base in unfriendly territory, if we make up our minds to do so.

The war in Viet Nam, as it is now being run by the Pentagon (with White House concurrence), is not the kind of war which the American people want or can fully support. Our only obvious goals, judging by the published daily "scores," are to kill Viet Name people. Are the unavoidable civilian casualties counted in the daily kill totals, along with the known Viet Cong? How can the record-keepers tell from the bodies which was which?

There are three main groups of people who are benefitting from this war, and unfortunately it would appear that these are the same groups that have the most to say about the way it is being run and escalated. These are: 1. The militarists in the

Pentagon; 2. The industrialists; 3. The agencies of our "invisible government" (C.I.A., etc.)

For the men in the Pentagon, this is "their war," which the present generation of generals needs in order to justify its existence and its promotions over the past 20 years. Without a war at this time, their whole lives would have been spent in futile preparation for a day that never came! For the industrialists and Wall Streeters, continued prosperity is assured by the continued escalation of the American war economy. Such novel touches as the use of B-52 bombers as tactical aircraft, and the spraying of the woods with thousands of rounds of ammunition per enemy soldier, all indicate that this war is going to be a record for consumption of material.

Above all, the various branches of our "invisible government" gain strength as the war increases, and more billions become allocated for undisclosed purposes. The control of TV, radio, and newsmagazines for molding public opinion in support of the war is already quite clear, in the buildup of Viet Nam "human interest" war stories. We are being made increasingly callous about loss of human life, and about violations of international law. (The U.S.A. is bombing sovereign nations against which we have not declared war!)

We are probably within one year of dropping H-bombs on the Chinese atomic plants, even if this means risking the start of a nuclear World War III. If we don't change our leadership soon, we may end up as the "Nazi Germany" of this generation, hated by all the world, and just as surely, defeated by the forces of justice and decency which the free world will muster against us. Before it is too late, at the elections this fall, let's get some sensible people in Washington aware that we must return to the principles and ideals which have made and kept America a great nation.

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DEC 8 1964 Questions Why Details Overlooked In Warren Report Considerations

To The Reporter Dispatch:

With the release of the full testimony and other exhibits of the Warren Commission hearings, there will be many questions raised as details become known which were formerly obscured in the Warren Report itself. Granted that the average person couldn't care less about these details, nevertheless it seems fitting to examine carefully those points which seem to support belief that a conspiracy was responsible for staging the assassination.

One detail of the testimony (out of hundreds of equally intriguing obscured points) is that the Commission staff chose to use a map of the Oak Cliff area of Dallas (in Exhibit No. 1119-A, p. 158, Report) which entirely omits the name from Lancaster Ave. (For those interested, this is the street lying between Mar-salis and Ewing.) The large words "Fifth", "Sixth", "Seventh" and "Eighth" occupy the space where the name "Lancaster" should be found. Curiously enough the word "Av." remains on the map, along Lancaster, between Cornal St. and Addison St. The full length of Lancaster Ave. in Oak Cliff shows on the map as reproduced, so the name must have been there originally.

Why is Lancaster Ave. so important in the events of Nov. 22, 1963? Simply because Officer Tippit, in his police car "with No. 10 prominently displayed on each side", was at the corner of LANCASTER and Eighth St. at 6 minutes to 1 o'clock. (See p. 165.) That corner happens to be only 8 blocks away from Oswald's rooming house on N. Beckley Ave.

The testimony of the housekeeper at the rooming house (see p. 253) is that she saw a Dallas police car at about 1 P.M., while Oswald was briefly in the house getting his jacket. The number of this police car began with "10", as she recollects it, and the car drove slowly by, stopping momentarily in front of the house and honking its horn several times. Before Oswald came out, the car had left.

While this police car could have been Tippit's car, it probably was not, although the connection is quite remarkable, since the Commission found that no other police car was in the neighborhood of the rooming house at 1 P.M. (See p. 253.) Tippit could have been driven the eight blocks to the house in the six minutes available, Tippit was alone, whereas the housekeeper saw several occupants in the police car, but there is no evidence that the Commission tried to find them for questioning. The Commission went out of its way to say that there is no evidence that a police car was

in the neighborhood of the rooming house about 1 p.m., other than the housekeeper's sworn testimony to them and to the F.B.I. Since the official Commission conclusion is that Oswald had no accomplices and that nobody in the police department was working with him, is this a case of stretching the reported facts to fit the conclusion?

Unfortunately for our country's future, the Warren Commission Report is permeated with such instances of cavalier treatment of reported facts, and obscuration of relations. During the next few years, these instances may give rise to numerous articles and discussions which would result in unjustly (I repeat, UNJUSTLY) pointing the finger of suspicion at the very heads of the executive and judiciary branches of our national government. I believe the blame lies with the staff, and not the leaders.

A more probable area exists than those just mentioned, in which to seek out the cause of the assassination, if indeed there was a conspiracy. Quasi-military men, who have mastered the craft of psychological warfare, are technologically quite capable of executing a deed such as the assassination and getting away with it. Are we quite sure that all such men in Washington are morally utterly incapable of such dastardly action? Might they have done it if they honestly believed that President Kennedy was not acting in the best interests of the country, in attempting to reach an accommodation with the Russians, to allow "coexistence"?

It would be most unfortunate if we should find out that the Warren Commission Report had appeared to try to cover up the existence of such a conspiracy.

The public must learn more about the domestic (non-intelligence) operations of our so-called "intelligence agencies", so that, despite their limitless budgets, their secret use of Foundations and dummy corporations, their penetration of the military "Special Forces" and the radio and press services, ... so that, despite all this, they are not unwittingly permitted to undermine and overthrow what is left of democracy in our country. The growing attempt by the Defense Intelligence Agency (an arm of the Pentagon) to discredit the C.I.A. (not under Pentagon control) is of relevance in this connection, since Allen Dulles was removed as head of the C.I.A. by the late President Kennedy.

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